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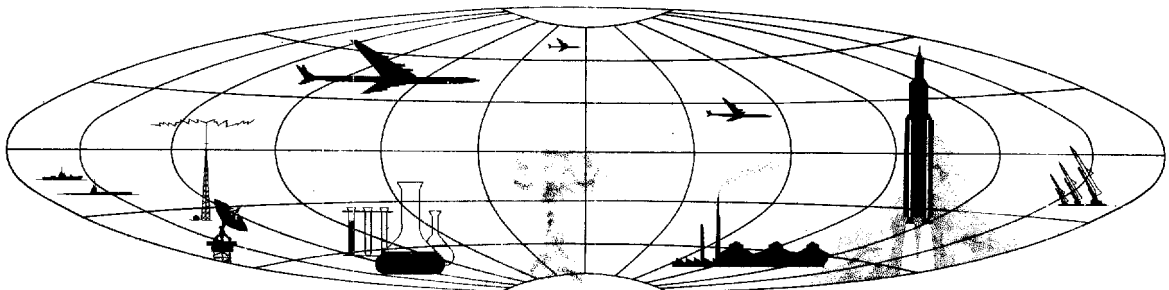
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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3554, DATED 14 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

MATANZAS SAM SITE 2301N 08129W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTER, A REVETTED CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

CIENFUEGOS SAM SITE 2202N 08024W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNRETTED LAUNCHERS, 2 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD POSITION, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N 08005W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS (5 CANVAS-COVERED), ONE PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, 6 POSSIBLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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25X1A

SANCTI SPIRITUS SAM SITE 2147N 07929W

THREE PROBABLE AND 2 POSSIBLE CANVAS-COVERED  
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OBSERVED.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

MANZANILLO SAM SITE 2018N 07706W

FOUR REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 3 POSSIBLE MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED REVETTED GUIDANCE AREA  
OBSERVED.  
HAZE AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CHAMBAS SAM SITE 2213N 07853W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

DELEITE SAM SITE 2259N 08045W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 5 CANVAS-COVERED  
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION  
AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE 2142N 07850W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 7 PROBABLE  
CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED  
GUIDANCE AREA.

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CIEGO DE AVILA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2152N 07844W

APPROXIMATELY 25 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND  
APPROXIMATELY 15 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY AND CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDE FURTHER  
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- 14 FAGOT/FRESCO.

25X1D

CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1D

JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD 2209N 08025W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED IN PHOTOGRAPHED AREAS.  
GAP IN PHOTOGRAPHY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

TRINIDAD AIRFIELD 2147N 07959W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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-PORTS-

PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

VESSELS -- 2 TANKERS, ONE PF, ONE PC, AND 3 PT.

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MANZANILLO PORT 2021N 07707W

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.  
HAZE AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D [REDACTED]

LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [REDACTED]

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [REDACTED]

CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

VESSELS -- 2 FREIGHTERS.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [REDACTED]

CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [REDACTED]

JUCARO PORT 2137N 07851W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 5 FREIGHTERS.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION [REDACTED]  
IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR PIECES  
OF EQUIPMENT.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY 2221N 07957W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W

MAIN CAMP -- NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 50 CARGO TRUCKS AND 5 UTILITY TRUCKS.  
AREA .5 NM WEST -- NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
SIXTEEN TRUCKS.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NUMEROUS VEHICLES OBSERVED.

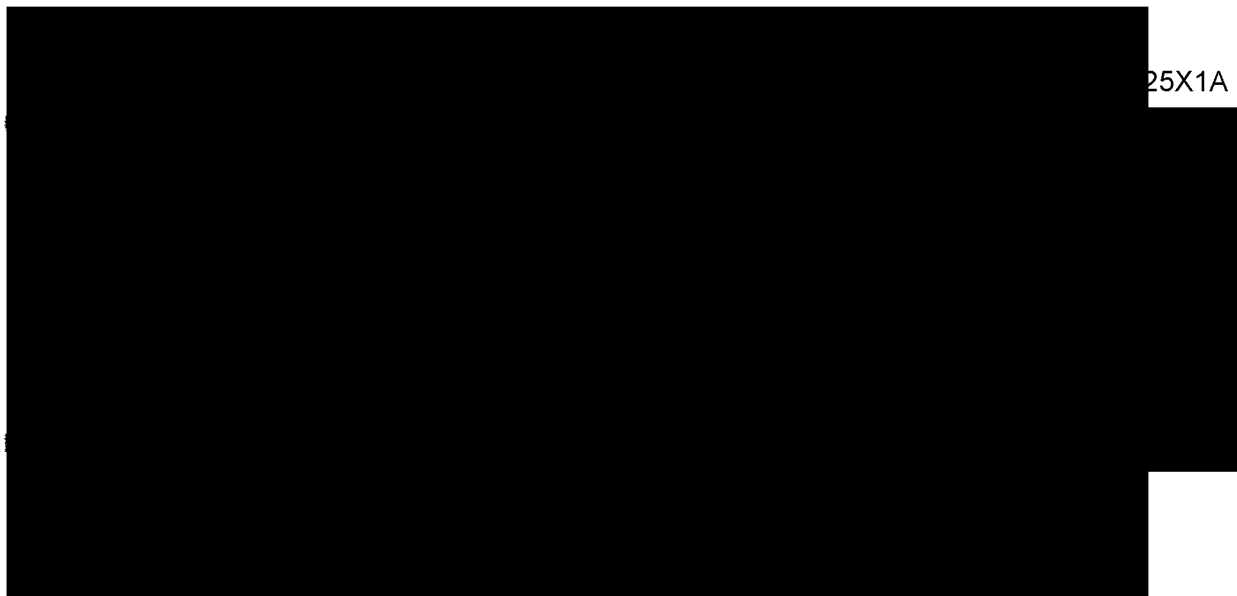
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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

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SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1	2243N 08001W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2	2239N 07951W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
DELEITE ALTERNATE SAM SITE	2301N 08044W
LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2156N 08019W
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH	2301N 08126W
VARADERO LANDING BEACH	2308N 08118W
CIENFUEGOS LANDING BEACH	2202N 08036W
ENSENADA COLORADO LANDING BEACH	2202N 08025W

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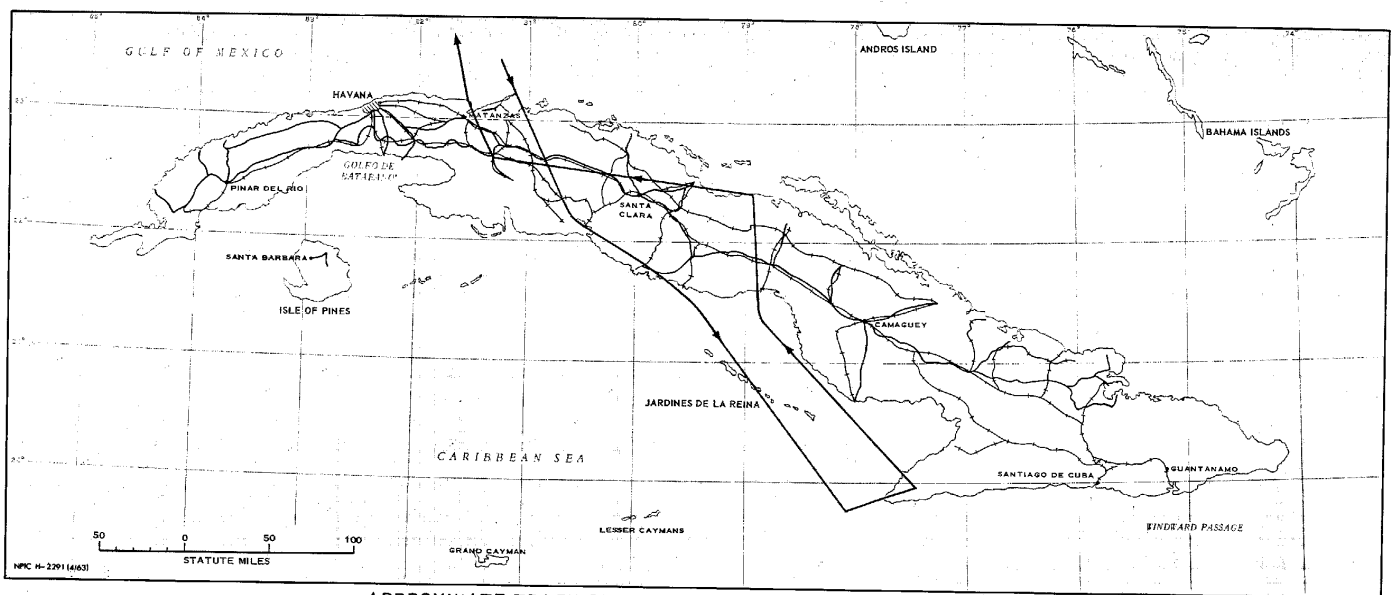
MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA	2304N 08133W
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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

HOLGUIN SAM SITE	2052N 07627W
PUERTO PADRE PORT	2113N 07632W
MANZANILLO AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2017N 07706W
LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION	2208N 08004W
MANICARAGUA AREA, EXPLOSIVES STORAGE SITE	2206N 07958W

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